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<p>Applicant(s): Kinichi OTSUKA <i>et al.</i></p> <p>Serial No.: 10/685,581</p> <p>Filed: October 16, 2003</p> <p>Title: WORK VEHICLE WITH TILT FLOOR</p> <p>Attorney Docket No.: VX032566</p>	<p>Group Art Unit: 3671</p> <p>Examiner: Thomas A. Beach</p>
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Dear Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

- ☐ under 37 CFR 1.97(b), or  
(Within three months of filing national application; or date of entry of international application; or before mailing date of first office action on the merits; whichever occurs last)
- ☒ under 37 CFR 1.97(c) together with either a:
  - ☒ Statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e), or
  - ☐ a \$180 fee under 37 CFR 1.17(p), or  
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  - ☐ Statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e), and
  - ☐ a \$180 fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p).  
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- ☒ In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for the listed foreign language documents, applicant:
  - ☐ Attached an English abstract to each foreign-language document, and/or
  - ☒ encloses herewith a copy of a corresponding foreign Search Report (Notification of Reasons for Refusal) citing each of these documents, together with an English-language version of that portion of the Search

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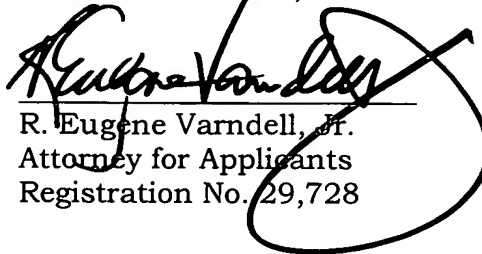
- ☐ A complete English translation of each listed foreign language document is being submitted herewith, and therefore no concise explanation for the foreign language documents is required, and/or
- ☐ submits the following explanations:

☒ Applicant(s) submit herewith Form PTO 1449-Information Disclosure Citation together with copies, of patents, publications or other information of which applicant(s) are aware, which applicant(s) believe(s) may be material to the examination of this application and for which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial or otherwise mark one copy of forms PTO-1449 and forward the same to the applicant indicating that the documents listed thereon have been considered.

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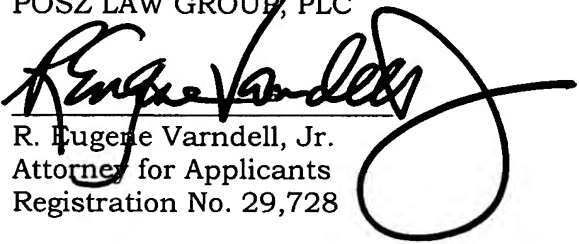
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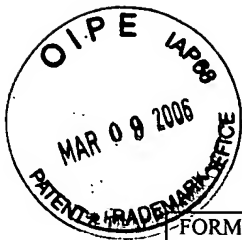
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REFERENCE DESIGNATION

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

						TRANSLATION	
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	NAME	YES	NO
							Eng. Abstract
		JP-02-011733	1/16/90	JAPAN	Hidemoto et al.		X
		JP-2000-309946	11/7/00	JAPAN	Tetsuhiro		X
		JP-2001-130451	5/15/01	JAPAN	Muneyuki et al.		X
		JP-54-120018		JAPAN		X	
		JP-58-111675	7/29/83	JAPAN		X	
		JP-55-53680		JAPAN		X	

OTHER REFERENCES (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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